(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,500 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

4 December 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 4 December 1993.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,500-8,000 m, centred on Basra, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah and Jalibah.

- At 1220 hours, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah and Samawah. It departed at 1455 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

5 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-9,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Sinjar, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 55 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Shatrah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Salman and Artawi.

6 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, the area south of Najaf, Qal'at Salih, Samawah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

7 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

8 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,500-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 53 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,500 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Salman, Lasaf, Ushbayjah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

- At 0925 hours on 8 December 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Aqrah, Dukan and Ayn Zalah. It departed at 1147 hours, heading in the direction of Turkish airspace.

9 December 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Zakho, and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-8,500 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Amarah, Salman, Shatrah, Artawi and Busayyah.

- At 1625 hours on 9 December 1993, a hostile formation, flying at an altitude of 7,000 m dropped a heat flare to the north of the Saddam Dam in Ninawa Governorate.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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